Promises of God

18. Heaven

II Corinthians 5:1 "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Meaning: "The earthly house of this tabernacle" is our bodies. When we get to Heaven we will have our glorified bodies, "An house not made with hands." Upon death or the Rapture "this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality" (I Corinthians 15:53).

Application: We have the promise that when a believer dies, he goes to Heaven, because Jesus said, "that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3). Since Jesus is presently at the right hand of God in Heaven (Romans 8:34), we know that is where we will be also. Heaven is everlasting and immeasurable. In Heaven is God's throne, His house, and His dwelling place. Jesus is preparing a place there for all those who believe on Him (John 14:1,2).

Other Verses to Study: Genesis 1:1; I Kings 8:30; Psalm 89:29; Jeremiah 31:37; Matthew 5:12; 6:20; Acts 7:49; II Corinthians 5:1-8; Hebrews 12:23

1. Where is Jesus at presently? _____
2. Who will go to Heaven? _____
3. How long will our house, not made with hands, last in Heaven?

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"For the Christian, heaven isn't simply a destination: it's a motivation."